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FEBRUARY 21, 1973

TO: HOOB

FROM: WINSTON LORD

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMER: BEGIN TEXT:

1. DR. KISSINGER, ON BEHALF OF HIS ENTIRE DELEGATION, WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI AND ALL THE OTHER CHINESE OFFICIALS FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY AND THOUGHTFULNESS DURING THE VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. DR. KISSINGER HIGHLY VALUED HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG AND PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI. HE HAS REPORTED FULLY ON HIS TRIP TO PRESIDENT NIXON WHO IS VERY GRATIFIED WITH THE NATURE OF THE TALKS AND THE PRODUCTIVE RESULTS.

2. THE US SIDE HAS ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE CHINESE FISHERMEN BASED ON THE FEBRUARY 19, 1973 AIDE MEMOIRE FROM THE CHINESE SIDE. THE US SIDE WILL CONVEY THE RESULTS TO THE CHINESE SIDE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. IN HIS TALKS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS, DR. KISSINGER FOLLOWED THE APPROACH THAT WAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN PEKING. HE STATED THAT THE US FAVORS BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PRC AND JAPAN. HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, NOR DID HE SUGGEST THAT LIAISON OFFICES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED. ANY INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY THAT MIGHT APPEAR IN THE JAPANESE PRESS IS PURE SPECULATION.

4. THE US SIDE HAS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

A. IT IS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WITH A VIEW TO LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING THAT WILL AVOID CONFRONTATION. THE US AND DRV REPRESENTATIVES WILL CONSULT IN PARIS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.

B. THE US SIDE CANNOT ACCEPT A US-DRV CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE IN VIEW OF ITS ALLIED OBLIGATIONS. ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG THE FOUR ICCS MEMBERS OR THE FIVE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

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IN ADDITION, THE US IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER PROPOSAL FOR CHAIRMAN OTHER THAN US-DRV CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

C. THE US SIDE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD BE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE REASONS STATED BY DR. KISSINGER DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING.

D. THE US SIDE ALSO CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THERE MUST BE A RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE ICCS AND SOME OTHER ORGAN OTHER THAN THE PARTIES WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF THE ICCS IS SUPERVISING. THIS COULD BE EITHER THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL OR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE.

E. THE US SIDE HAS CONSIDERED FURTHER THE CHINESE SIDE'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE PHRASE "EXERCISE RESTRAINT" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF ARTICLE II OF THE US DRAFT FOR THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE. TAKING THESE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT THE US SIDE SUGGESTS THAT THE SENTENCE READ "THEY SHALL TAKE ACTIONS TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS AND DURABILITY OF PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA".

F. THE US SIDE HAS AGAIN SOLICITED SOVIET VIEWS CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE. THESE HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. WHEN THEY ARE, THE US SIDE SHALL COMMUNICATE THEM.

G. THE US DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE THE PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCE OF LEAVING THE CHINESE SIDE IN AN ISOLATED POSITION. IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE WITH REGARD TO THIS OR ANY OTHER ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE, THE CHINESE SIDE SHOULD CONTACT THE US SIDE THROUGH THE NEW YORK CHANNEL.

5. THE US SECRETARY OF STATE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TALK TO THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THE PRIVATE CLAIMS AND BLOCKED ASSETS AND TO APPROACH THE ISSUES IN A GLOBAL AND POLITICAL FRAMEWORK. HERE, TOO, THE CHINESE SIDE SHOULD USE THE NEW YORK CHANNEL IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE. THE US SIDE BELIEVES THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO QUESTIONS OF THIS NATURE.

6. AS INDICATED BY DR. KISSINGER, IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO INCREASE US HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, THE US SIDE IS NOW MOVING TO RELEASE IMMEDIATELY SOME \$30 MILLION IN FOOD AID FOR BANGLADESH.
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